(c) what is the annual value of imports of insulin and how many patients can actually be treated through these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Approximately 2 per cent prevalence of Diabetics is reported in India. The total number of diabetics is about 15 million.

(b) According to the available information, no attempt is being made in India to manufacture synthetic insulin.

(c) According to the information available to the Government of India an amount of Rs. 58,91,107 has been spent for import of insulins from January, 1986 to November, 1986. The amount of insulin required for each patient varies with the intensity of disease and the duration of treatment. Therefore, it is not possible to say how many patients can be treated with the insulin imported.

Direct Rail Link to North-East from Indore

2948. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members representing Madhya Pradesh in the Western Railways Advisory Committee, have requested that the "Awadh Express" between Kota and Gorakhpur should be extended upto Indore especially in the interest of prestigious 'Defence Training Institutions' in Mhow as the army personnel will get a direct rail link to the North East frontier from Indore since Gorakhpur is directly connected to Assam and beyond by rail; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not feasible to extend it further at present. However, the train is proposed to be extended upto Ratlam from 1-11-87.

Complaint against Telephones and Excess Billing

2949. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of complaints received till June, 1987 about the unsatisfactory working of telephones and excessive billing, statewise; and

(b) details of action taken by Government about the redressal of these complaints and about the improvement of telephone services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rejection of Government Package by Doctors

2950. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a section of the doctors has rejected the Government package offered in response to their demands even though the strike by Central Health Service Doctors was withdrawn; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the grounds adduced by them for such rejection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government have received no information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.